



## **Winstar Reports Preliminary Q4 2005 Results**

**CALGARY, January 19, 2006** – Winstar Resources Ltd. (TSX-V: WIX) (the “**Corporation**”) today released its preliminary operational results for the three months ended December 31, 2005. These results represent the first full quarter of operations since the Winstar - Athanor merger (Aug., 2005).

### Production and Cash Flow

Pending finalization, the Company is pleased to announce its preliminary Q4, 2005 production and operating results. During the last quarter of 2005, Winstar produced at record levels, estimated to be an average of 1,700 barrels of oil equivalent per day (2005 exit rate of 2,200 boepd) and generated an estimated \$5.3 million (\$0.19/share Q4) of cash flow.

These results represent a significant increase compared to Q3, 2005 with production up 2.5 times and cash flow up 18.3 times. (Q3, 2005 production was 673 boepd and cash flow of \$0.3 million). The Company's guidance for Q1, 2006 production is 1,800 to 2,200 boepd.

### Capital Program Results

The 2005 capital program delivered strong results without including the on-going completion in 2006 of wells drilled or re-entered during the fourth quarter 2005. During 2005, Winstar's Canadian capital program resulted in the drilling or re-completing of 19 gross (8.53 net wells) wells resulting in 12 gross (5.47 net) oil or gas wells, 2 gross (1.29 net) dry holes, 5 gross (1.77 net) wells cased for potential gas production for an overall 89% success ratio. In Hungary, the company drilled two 100% wells resulting in one successful development well (currently tied in and producing at 570 boepd) and one D&A exploration well. Tunisian activity was limited to one 100%successful well re-activation. Subject to equipment availability, the Company plans to participate in 7 gross wells in Alberta during the first quarter of 2006. In Tunisia, the Company is finalizing its 2006 capital program and has contracted a rig to begin a multi-well drilling and re-entry program for early in the second half of this year. In Hungary, the results of the latest 2 wells are being integrated into the extensive existing database with an expectation of further exploration and development activity in the third quarter of this year.

References herein to "boe" mean barrels of oil equivalent derived by converting gas to oil in the ratio of six thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of gas to one barrel (bbl) of oil. Boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of 6 Mcf: 1 bbl is based on an energy conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

Certain information regarding Winstar contained herein may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Forward looking statements may include estimates, plans, expectations, opinions, forecasts, projections, guidance or other statements that are not statements of facts. Although Winstar believes that the expectations reflected in such forward looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will be realized. These statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties and may be based on assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward looking statements. Winstar's forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

Winstar Resources Ltd. is a Calgary -based junior oil and gas company, which explores for, develops, produces, and sells crude oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas in Alberta, Tunisia and Hungary. Winstar's common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WIX.

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